

CLAIMS

1. A microwave transparent food supportive device used for microwave heating, cooking or drying of food including:
 - 5 a plurality of food contact areas elevated from and substantially integral to a foundation that enables the support of food placed directly on the contact areas, wherein spaces between the elevated contact areas and the foundation form conduits adapted to vent the moisture from the food when being heated,
 - 10 cooked or dried.
2. A food supportive device according to claim 1, wherein the foundation includes at least one support interconnected to each food contact area.
- 15 3. A food supportive device according to claim 1 or claim 2, wherein the foundation includes a base.
4. A food supportive device according to any one of claims 1 to 3, wherein the food is microwaved at a suitable power level and time to produce a palatable food product.
- 20 5. A food supportive device according to any one of claims 1 to 4, wherein the height of food contact areas is from about 10mm to about 15mm.
- 25 6. A food supportive device according to any one of claims 1 to 5, wherein the food contact areas are arranged in an array.
7. A food supportive device according to any one of claims 1 to 5, wherein the food contact areas form a pattern.
- 30 8. A food supportive device according to any one of claims 1 to 6, wherein moisture is expelled substantially isotropically from the conduits..

9. A food supportive device according to any one of claims 1 to 8, wherein the food supportive device is made from polymers, paper, paperboard or cardboard.
- 5 10. A food supportive device according to any one of claims 1 to 9, wherein the supportive device is formed by a moulding process.
11. A food supportive device according to claims 10, wherein the supportive device is made from PET or *paper-mâché*.
- 10 12. A food supportive device according to any one of claims 1 to 11, wherein the supportive device includes folds.
13. A food supportive device according to claim 12, wherein the folds are formed by origami methods.
- 15 14. A food supportive device according to claim 12 or claim 13, wherein the supportive device is compactable.
- 20 15. A food supportive device according to any one of claims 12 to 14, wherein the supportive device includes a series of folded concertina-like flutes.
16. A food supportive device according to any one of claims 12 to 15, wherein the supportive device is made of paper, plastic film or cardboard.
- 25 17. A food supportive device according to any one of claims 1, wherein the supportive device includes a foundation base which folds like a book and the food contact areas pop-up when the base is opened into operative form.
- 30 18. A food supportive device according to claim 17, wherein the food contact areas are cut-out in the base and are elevated when the base is opened into operative form.

19. A food supportive device according to any one of claims 1 to 18, wherein the supportive device is used to heat or cook pizzas, parathas or pastries.

20. A food supportive device according to any one of claims 1 to 19, wherein

5 the supportive device includes advertising or indicia.

21. A method of heating, cooking or drying food in a microwave oven including the steps of:

placing a food item on a food supportive device according to any one of

10 claims 1 to 20 into a microwave oven, and

microwaving the food product.

22. A food package including:

a food supportive device according to any one of claims 1 to 20, and

15 a closure attachable to the supportive device to define a cavity therebetween.

23. A food package according to claim 22, wherein an airtight seal is formed when the closure is attached to the supportive device.

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24. A food package including:

a food supportive device according to any one of claims 1 to 20,

an open base adapted to receive the food supporting device, and

a closure attachable to the open base to define a cavity therebetween.

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25. A food package according to claim 24, wherein an airtight seal is formed when the closure is attached to the base.

26. A method of drying food including the step of placing food onto the food

30 supportive device according to any one of claims 1 to 20 and microwaving the

food placed on the supportive device until the food is dry.

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27. A food supportive device for microwave heating, cooking or drying of food including:

a plurality of food contact areas elevated from and substantially integral to a foundation that enables the support of food placed directly on the contact areas,

5 wherein spaces between the elevated contact areas and the foundation form conduits adapted to vent the moisture from the food when being heated, cooked or dried, and

10 wherein the supportive device includes a foundation base which folds like a book and the food contact areas pop-up when the base is opened into operative form.